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TOPIC Volkspolizei in the Pasewalk-Eggesin-Torgelow Area

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In August 1952, [redacted] construction was being done for the Volks-polizei (VP) in the Pasewalk-Ueckermuende-Loecknitz area. The work was given first priority. The former ammunition depot between Boock (N 54/Q 36) and Rothen-Klempenow, north of Loecknitz (N 54/Q 35) was being reconstructed and the former ammunition depot in Torgelow, between Rueggenburg and Torgelow, north of the Jatznick-Torgelow road, near Aschersleben was being reconditioned. The former Sprengchemie plant (explosives plant) between Gurnitz and Neumuehl east of the Torgelow-Eggesin railroad line will again be put into operation. A spur track connecting the Gurnitz railroad station and the area of the Sprengchemie plant was under construction. Extensive construction work was also going on in the Jaegerbrueck-Roedershorst-Kuhlenmorgen-Gross Stallberg-Klein Stallberg-Henonkrug forester's house (northeast of Pasewalk) area. The Viereck-Jaegerbrueck road was blocked. The area may only be entered by persons carrying special permits. The villages of Jaegerbrueck and Roedershorst had to be evacuated by the population. Further evacuation measures were expected. An estimated total of 10,000 to 15,000 construction workers was employed on these projects in day and night shifts. Some of the construction workers slept in the open. During the time of observation, extensive excavation work and logging operations were under way. (1)

2. During the nights between 15 and 30 August, guns were unloaded by VPs at the Pasewalk freight station and then moved to the barracks installation. According to available information, 40 x 150-mm guns, 40 x 81-mm AT guns and 40 x 76-mm field guns were involved in these operations. Some of the street lights were turned off when the guns moved through the town. During the same period, 40 to 50 heavy caterpillar tractors were detained at Pasewalk and driven by Soviet soldiers and VPs to the barracks installation. (2)
3. In August 1952, the German postal administration had to furnish 700 telegraph poles to the VP in Pasewalk. In late August, these poles were still piled up at the barracks installation. (3)
4. In early September, the Kavallerie Kaserne on Rosa Luxemburg Strasse in Pasewalk was occupied to capacity by VPs. The garages and sheds of the installation were occupied by material and vehicles. Other vehicles were parked on the small training grounds. There was continuous motor vehicle traffic between the training grounds and the barracks installation at night. (4) At 3:30 and 11 a.m. on 30

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August, a shipment of 10 to 15 tanks and another one of 15 T-34 tanks arrived in Pasewalk. [redacted] if and when these trains left the station. (2)

5. Prior to early September 1952, 14 transformer stations were observed in the Eggesin area, including 2 in Stallberg, 1 near Torgelow, 1 between Torgelow and Neumuehl, 1 in Droegerheide, 1 between Eggesin and Karpin and 1 at the transloading station. Teletype and radio installations were being established. (1)

6. In late August, [redacted] the Kavallerie Kaserne in Pasewalk quartered about 4,000 VPs. (4) During the period from 27 through 29 August, about 120 prime movers and caterpillar tractors were driven by Soviets and VPs to the barracks installation. (2)

7. Shipments arriving at Pasewalk during the period from 22 to 29 August included:
6:30 p.m. on 22 August. A train with 50 to 60 AT guns and the same number of heavy mortars and five boxcarloads of ammunition.
2:35 p.m. on 23 August. A train with 43 trucks and Soviet escort personnel.
9 a.m. on 24 August. A train with 15 T-34 tanks which proceeded toward Eggesin.
9 a.m. on 27 August. A train with 15 T-34 tanks escorted by VPs.
8:15 on 29 August. A train with 13 T-34 tanks. (2)

8. At 9 a.m. and noon of 29 August, two shipments consisting of 15 T-34 tanks each were unloaded at the Eggesin railroad station. (5)

9. Since 15 August, work on the reconstruction of the spur track leading to the former Sprengchemie plant near Torgelow has been under way. The spur track will be about 3 km long. Construction bureaus and quarters for construction workers were being erected in the area of the Sprengchemie plant. Signboards of Bauunion firms from Groifswald, Berlin, Dresden and Leipzig were observed. Barracks installations for a troop training grounds for the VPs were allegedly to be constructed there. The locality of Jaegerbrueck, about 8 km east of Torgelow, had to be evacuated by the civilian population by 1 September 1952. (1)

10. On 28 and 30 August, 30 tanks each were unloaded by the VP in Eggesin and then moved to the area of the former Sprengchemie plant near Torgelow. The tanks which arrived on new-type flatcars came from Prenzlau where they had been taken over by VPs from the Soviets. [redacted]

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[redacted] a similar tank shipment was expected to arrive on 3 September. All the tanks involved allegedly were T-34 tanks. (5)

11. In late August, the Kavallerie Kaserne in Pasewalk was occupied by an estimated 2,000 VP personnel. (4) In August, about 160 guns arrived at the barracks installation; they were parked in the garage and the large warehouse of the former Henschel storehouse. In late August, 15 guns of about 150-mm caliber were seen proceeding from the railroad station to the barracks installation. Since 25 August, 30 model Stalinets tractors have been parked in the barracks yard. On 27 August, these tractors were observed pulling 10 heavy guns with long barrels from the garage into the yard of the installation. [redacted] On 30 August, 36 x 50-mm AT guns and 40 x 38-mm AA guns were parked in front of the large warehouse. The AT guns, which had pneumatic tires and had no muzzle brakes, were being cleaned. (2)

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12. Renovation work was still going on at the barracks installation. A building about 36 x 90 meters, was under construction. [redacted] a high-level VP headquarters has been stationed at the installation since 1 September. [redacted] (4)

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13. Large Volkspolizei units were quartered in tent camps in the Torgelow-Eggesin-Viereck area. The village of Jaegerbrueck was evacuated by civilian population. The farmers of Riesenbrueck were forbidden to work their fields. [redacted] 10 villages are scheduled to be evacuated prior to the fall of 1952 in order to provide winter quarters for VPs. Construction workers continuously arrived in this area. [redacted] a new railroad

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line is to be built from Eggesin to Altwarp in the fall of 1952. About 30 T-34 tanks were observed in a forest lane near Broegerheide (heath) (6)

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Comments.

- (1) These data on construction work in the Pasewalk-Eggesin area supplement and partially confirm previous information. 25X1
- (2) The weapons observed in Pasewalk undoubtedly arrived in shipments which were reported previously. 25X1
However, guns with long barrels were not mentioned in the references. 25X1
- (3) It is believed that the telegraph poles were required for the construction of telephone lines used by VP units in the Pasewalk-Eggesin area.
- (4) The data on the strength of the units quartered in the VP barracks installation in Pasewalk vary. As renovation work was still going on during the reported period, the statement in paragraph 6 that 4,000 VPs were quartered at the installation in late August is believed to be an exaggeration. However, it is possible that large portions of the units concerned may have been quartered at the tent camp erected at the training grounds. 25X1
The high-level headquarters observed at the barracks installation probably is identical with the headquarters of the Armeegruppe Nord.
- (5) These tanks were undoubtedly consigned to the Volkspolizei units which were being activated in the Eggesin-Torgelow area. These units also include tank regiments.
- (6) it appears that one or two divisions is being activated in the Eggesin-Torgelow area.

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